

**Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
EPA Drinking Water Grants – PWSS and DWSRF  
October 15, 2014**

**1) PWSS grant (PPG)**

- a. ODEQ received at total of \$1,391,000 in PWSS funds in the FY2014 allocation (compared to \$1,340,000 in FY13, \$1,414,000 in FY12 and \$1,417,000 in FY11):
- b. There have been no tentative allotment amounts released for FY15, so EPA encourages states to use the previous FY as an estimate when budgeting. As a reminder, the allotments can change from year to year based on the data that the State enters into SDWIS by December every year. The allotment formulas are based on population (20%), geographical area (10%), the number of community and non-transient non-community water systems (56%), and the number of transient non-community water systems (14%).
- c. EPA awarded \$463,903 on 8/12/14 for the first portion of the FY2015 award. This was forward funding from FY14.
- d. On September 19, 2014, President Obama signed a FY15 continuing resolution that will fund the government through December 11, 2014. Once a budget is passed, EPA HQ still has to submit our operating plan to the Hill and OMB for approval. This may take up to a month to be approved. We estimate it may take an additional month before we see final budget numbers. If you are in need of additional partial funding under the Continuing Resolution, before the final budget amounts are known, please let your project officer know.

**2) DWSRF Set-asides and Unliquidated Obligations (ULOs)**

During FY2014, ODEQ requested, and received, funding for all available DWSRF set-asides, including the 4% DWSRF Administrative Set-aside; the 2% Small System Technical Assistance Set-aside; the 10% State Program Management Set-aside (which requires a 1:1 match); and the 15% Local Assistance Set-aside (for Wellhead Protection, Capacity Development, and Engineering, Planning and Design Grants). This year, more funds are being directed towards paying staff salaries due to State budget cuts.

Timely and Expeditious use of DWSRF funds is a program requirement. Using available set-aside funds in a timely manner, or moving unexpended set-asides into the Loan fund, prevents an “Unliquidated Obligation” (ULO) issue from occurring, which some States are trying to overcome. Unexpended set-asides, except for the 15% set-aside, can be moved to the loan fund and be reserved (“banked”) to be taken from future grants, if they are needed at a later time.

ODEQ does a good job in managing set-aside funds and does not have a ULO problem.

Current ULOs for ODEQ, as of 10/15/14 (excluding Admin set-aside):

Grant #	Total ULO	2% SST	10%State Program	15%Local Assistance
FS986814-12 (FY12)	\$741,214.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$741,214.19
FS986814-13 (FY13)	\$1,085,252.81	\$116,538.10	\$779,203.88	\$189,510.83
FS986814-14 (FY14)	\$3,569,960.84	\$269,180.85	\$1,347,609.50	\$1,953,170.49
	\$5,396,427.84	\$385,718.95	\$2,126,813.38	\$2,883,895.51

**3) Quality Assurance Requirements**

- a. QMP (QTRAK #14-001): Expires 11/6/2014
- b. QAPP (QTRAK#13-305): Expires 6/18/2016

QA plans are due to EPA at least 60 days prior to expiration of the previously approved plan, to allow for review and approval of the updated plan.

**4) Advanced Monitoring Plan for PWSS grants**

As was discussed by Ashley Howard during the Drinking Water Five State meeting on January 24, 2014, advanced monitoring will be conducted on the ODEQ PWSS grant at the time of the annual DWSRF oversight review during FY15 or FY16. We will update you when we have more concrete dates.

Feel free to contact your project officer, Ashley Howard, at (214) 665-7597, if you would like to discuss any of the above information.